

## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

## COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Dear Elected Officials and Cook County Building, 118 N. Clark Employees and Visitors:

It has come to our attention today that that an employee who works on the 11th floor of the Cook County Building located at 118 N. Clark Street, Room 1160, Chicago, Illinois 60062 has tested positive for the coronavirus (COVID-19). The employee was last in the Cook County Building on Tuesday, March 17, 2020. Our thoughts are with this employee during this difficult time.

We have communicated with the Department of Facilities Management about plans to appropriately clean the impacted areas of 118 N. Clark Street. The Department of Facilities Management has engaged an external vendor to deep clean and disinfect Room 1160. The Department of Facilities Management will continue to clean the elevators, washrooms, and other common areas of the Cook County Building located at 118 N. Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602.

We do have an obligation to notify employees of the department with whom this employee had close contact with while in the Cook County Building. The department where the employee works is contacting staff to notify them of their potential exposure.

The health and safety of our staff and the public is our primary concern. This information is being shared not to alarm you, but to remind you that you should continue to exercise care in all your interactions, and you should monitor yourself for any symptoms associated with COVID-19.

Should you have any questions about symptoms or specific questions about your health, please contact your healthcare provider.

Cook County has a large workforce and unfortunately, like all large workplaces and communities, we are likely to learn of positive test results County offices and agencies and/or staff family members as more tests become available. We will assess and continue to make officewide notifications and/or location specific notifications as warranted and appreciate everyone's cooperation during this rapidly evolving and challenging time.

If you have further questions or would like more information about the COVID-19 virus go to www.cookcountypublichealth.org.

Sincerely,

Toni Preckwinkle

Cook County Board President

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